



Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Washington County

County characteristics

- 434 sq. miles.
- Glacial features, farmland, woodlots, wild areas and urban areas.
- 52 lakes including Big Cedar, Pike and 5 others greater than 100 acres.
- Major river systems include the east branch of the Rock River, Cedar Creek, the Oconomowoc River, and their tributaries.
- More than 120,000 residents with one of the fastest growing populations in the state due to proximity to the Milwaukee Metropolitan area.



State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- 11,000 acres of state lands include Theresa, Allenton and Jackson Wildlife Areas, the Loew Lake Unit and Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, and scattered habitat areas.

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Biologist, 1 Private Lands Wildlife Biologist, 1 Wildlife Technician, 1 Fisheries Biologist and 2 Conservation Wardens.
- Office, 3544 Kettle Moraine Rd, Hartford, 53027
- Staff also serves Dodge, Sheboygan and Ozaukee counties

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Management of three Wildlife Areas, scattered habitat areas, and habitat on other state lands.
- Post public hunting grounds and access sites, build and maintain parking areas and access lanes.
- Provide additional hunting through annual leases with private property owners.
- Land acquisition through partnerships with conservation groups.
- On Theresa Marsh, management of two 1,000-acre waterfowl refuges, a 1,500-acre flowage, and impoundments.
- Surveys of deer, turkeys, ducks, geese, pheasants, grouse, woodcock, mourning doves and other species.



Activities continued...

- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and West Nile Virus.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.
- Conduct fish surveys of Big and Little Cedar Lakes, Pike Lake, Friess Lake, Silver Lake, Erler Lake, Lake Twelve, Wallace Lake, Green Lake, and Druid Lake.
- Since 1999, completed fish, habitat and water quality surveys on 50 stream sections.
- Improvement of boat accesses at Big Cedar Lake and Hasmer Lake.

Washington County Conservation Snapshots

13	Lakes with Public Access
40	ALIS Agents Supported
51	Hotline Complaints
10	Deer and Turkey Registration Stations



Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

- Stock up to 3,000 pheasants annually on Jackson Marsh, Theresa and Allenton Wildlife Areas
- Stock an average of 18,000 trout/year (includes an average of 11,000 lake trout in Big Cedar Lake and the rest in Allenton Creek 5 and urban ponds).
- Stock an averaged of 62,000 walleye fingerling/year.
- Stocked up to 600,000 Northern Pike fry per year on Theresa Marsh.

County Success Stories

- Restored wild turkeys to Washington County, beginning in 1985.
- Removed the Schweitzer Dam on Cedar Creek and enhanced in-stream and wetland habitat.
- Turkey hunter programs for novice and disabled hunters on the Loew Lake Unit and private land.
- The first Ducks Unlimited "Legacy Greenwing" habitat project in the nation at Theresa Marsh.
- Cedar Creek and Big Cedar Lake walleye restoration in cooperation with Walleyes for Tomorrow.
- Acquisition of land and development rights for lands within the North Branch Milwaukee River Wildlife and Farming Heritage Area.

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management